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FOR: SILICON CARBIDE-BASED,  
POROUS, LIGHTWEIGHT, HEAT-  
RESISTANT STRUCTURAL MATERIAL  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.